

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

You are requested further to amend claim 13, upon which claims 16, 17, 18, and 19 continue to depend, so as to read as follows:

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13. (Three Times Amended) A connecting device suitable for attaching a pipe, which has a longitudinal axis, to a surface, the connecting device comprising a first part fixable to the surface and a second part slidably attachable to the first part so as to be slidable along the pipe, along the longitudinal axis of the pipe, the first and second parts having co-operating formations enabling the attachment of the first part to the second part to be selectively adjustable, whereby spacing of the pipe from the surface is adjustable, the first and second parts having co-operative formations limiting slidable movement of the second part relative to the first part, in a given direction along the longitudinal axis of the pipe, but permitting slidable movement of the second part relative to the first part in an opposite direction, along the longitudinal axis of the pipe, once the second part has been slidably attached to the first part.

REMARKS

You are requested to reconsider this application in view of the preceding amendments. You are requested to enter the abstract, which follows on a separate sheet.

Moreover, claim 13 has been amended further, to eliminate an informality, to which an objection has been made, and to call for the first and second parts having

... co-operative formations limiting slidable movement of the second part relative to the first part, in a given direction along the longitudinal axis of the pipe, but permitting slidable movement of the second part relative to the first part in an opposite direction, along the longitudinal axis of the pipe, once the second part has been slidably attached to the first part.